

## Message Text

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ACTION SIG-03

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASIG, MZ  
SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF AF/S POSTS - MAPUTO

REF: (A) STATE 113026; (B) MAPUTO 0279

1. STATEMENT OF RELATIONS: DURING THE PAST YEAR THERE HAS BEEN NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GPRM. THE REASONS FOR THIS CHANGE ARE NOTED IN REFTEL B AND IN MAPUTO A-26 OF FEBRUARY 23, 1978. RELATIONS ARE STILL LESS THAN CLOSE AND THE GPRM'S LEGACIES FROM THE LIBERATION PERIOD AND THE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE COLOR ITS FEELINGS FOR THE U.S. WE HAVE GAINED THE TRUST OF MANY SENIOR GPRM OFFICIALS, AND OUR EFFORTS ON RHODESIA AS WELL AS THE SUCCESS OF THE CARTER-MACHEL MEETING IN 1977 BODE WELL FOR STEADILY IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS. HOWEVER, OUR ACTION TO PROMOTE MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE THE TESTS WHICH THE GPRM WILL USE IN DETERMINING IF THEY DESIRE CLOSER RELWTIONS.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES AND PROBLEMS:

- IMPORTANCE OF A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT FOR THE RHODESIA PROBLEM.

-- CONGRESSIONAL PROHIBITION ON BILATERAL ASSISTANCE AND USG  
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OPPOSITION TO ASSISTANCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE IN IFI'S.

-- NEED FOR A NEW CHANCERY OR FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS ON  
PRESENT CHANCER6.

-- NEED TO INCREASE AMERICAN STAFF AND UPGRADE LOCAL STAFF.

3. EVALUATION: THE POST HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MORE SPECIFIC U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OUT-

LINED IN STATE 295543 OF DECEMBER 10, 1977. GPRM SUPPORT FOR  
U.S. PEACE EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS INCREASED, AS HAVE OUR  
CONTACTS WITH ZANU LEADERS. OUR CONTACTS WITH GPRM AND THE GENERAL  
POPULATION ARE MORE FREQUENT AND OPEN, AND AS USG STAFF INCREASES  
MORE CONTACTS CAN BE MADE. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN SOME INCREASE  
IN COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE AREA, WESTERN INFLUENCE HAS ALSO IN-  
CREASED AS THE GPRM HAS BECOME LESS SUSPICIOUS OF FOREIGNERS.  
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